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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5879

TO: NEA/E DAVIS/JONES FROM LEE

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: AGEN

SUBJECT: USINT, DAMASCUS

REF: SCOTES/DAVIS OM REGARDING ADMIN INFO

- 1. INITIAL INSPECTION BY SCOTES AND LEE OF CHANCERY, RESIDENCE, AND PROPERTY CONTAINED IN BOTH INDICATES THAT FSL'S AND ITALIANS HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF KEEPING EVERYTHING ORDERLY. VERIFICATION OF INVENTORIES SHOULD PROCEED SMOOTHLY.
- 2. AT FIRST GLANCE PER DIEM OF \$12/DAY IS, AS SUSPECTED, UNRELASTIC. HOTEL RATES HAVE INCREASED ALMOST 100 PER CENT, AS HAS JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH LOCALS DURING INITIAL MEETING. REALISTIC PER DIEM OF \$22 PER DAY WOULD BE A GOOD APPROXIMATION. IF THIS COULD BE ARRANGED AS A TEMPORARY FIGURE IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ACTUAL FIGURES TO CONFIRM APPROXIMATELY \$22 WOULD BE COMPILED SHORTLY AND WHATEVER ADJUSTMENT NECESSARY COULD BE MADE AT THAT TIME.
- 3. DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND COURIER SERVICE IS BEING WORKED OUT WITH GOS AND INITIALLY IT LOOKS LIKE ONLY THOSE ACCREDITED TO USINT DAMASCUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE POUCHES. THIS SUBJECT SLIGHTLY MURKY RIGHT NOW BUT WILL HOPEFULLY CLEAR UP IN NEAR FUTURE.

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4. NEED FOR LEASED LINE FACILITIES HAS BEEN BROACHED TO GOS AND

| WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY RCO BEIRUT WHO IS ENTERING 5 JAN, ALONG  |
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| WITH RSO/RTC PERSONNEL. AFTER THAT MEETING TIMING FOR INITATION |
| OF FORMAL COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE REPORTED.                      |
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